

Block meal plan for IAP

Maseeh will stay open

Bruno B. F. Faviero
STAFF REPORTER

This Independent Activities Period (IAP), MIT will be offering an optional “block meal plan” to students to fill the gap in service between the regular meal plan offered each semester.

Options include 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50-meal plans that cost \$242, \$342, \$428, and \$486, respectively, and the meals can be used in any combination of brunches and dinners. Brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be 52 meals served from Jan. 9 through Feb. 3, seven days a week, in Maseeh’s Howard Dining Hall, which will be the only dining hall open during IAP. Carry-out and sick meals (both of which have to be ordered in advance) will still be offered, though there will be no Kosher meals or to-go boxes, according to Campus Dining. Students can still swipe in only once per meal period.

Howard was chosen to be the only dining hall open to “narrow operations to keep cost down,” said Assistant Director for Campus Dining Michael Myers.

The times and options were chosen based on students’ IAP schedules, a survey by the Undergraduate Association, and the thought that a single brunch period offers both lunch and breakfast options, allowing “students to get a chance to get a good solid breakfast,” said Myers. He also said that providing “good service at the lowest possible price” is a priority for Campus Dining.

Some students find the plan convenient, and others see it as unnecessary and expensive.

Jennifer B. Plotkin ’15 and Samuel G. Cannon ’15, two Maseeh residents, said they were getting the plan because of the convenience of the dining hall. “I need food,” said Cannon, “and the meal plan is very convenient for me.”

Victor D. Pontis ’15, a Baker resident, said, “The amount of dollars per meal is extremely high. Right now on the meal plan ... it costs me about \$12 per meal — I could get really good food with \$12 per meal.”

“Even if I get cereal for breakfast and treat myself to a nice dinner every night I would still be saving money,” added Angela Q. Zhang ’15.

Alan A. Diaz-Romero ’15, an East Campus freshman, had a simple reason for not choosing the meal plan: “It’s cheaper to buy your own groceries,” he said.

Myers said that it is hard to forecast participation due to the uncertainty in some students’ IAP schedules and that this IAP’s meal plan will be a “pilot program,” serving as a benchmark for future IAP meal plans.

Registration is open until Jan. 19 at <http://dining.mit.edu/meal-plans/iapmealplan>. After enrolling, only one cancellation or change of meal plan can be made until Jan. 6.

IAP MEAL PLAN

31 days, brunch and dinner served

20 meal plan	\$242	\$12.10 per meal
30 meal plan	\$342	\$11.40 per meal
40 meal plan	\$428	\$10.70 per meal
50 meal plan	\$486	\$9.72 per meal



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NOVARTIS INSTITUTES FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Architect Toshiko Mori presents her design for 22 Windsor Street (inset top right) to the Cambridge Planning Board. It is the second new building within Novartis’ new campus on the east side of Mass. Ave. Maya Lin is designing 181 Mass. Ave., inset bottom right. **See article, page 13.**

Khan represents MIT mission

How are commencement speakers selected?

By Ethan A. Solomon
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Salman A. Khan ’98 — founder of the Khan Academy and MIT’s 146th commencement keynote speaker — has found a new popularity at his alma mater. *The Tech*’s Tuesday article on Khan’s selection as commencement speaker had been shared on Facebook 453 times as of yesterday evening. But where did the idea to select Khan, the youngest commencement speaker in at least 30 years, come from?

There are two major stages in the speaker selection process.

First, a group of students and faculty from the Commencement Committee form a subcommittee that creates a list of 10–20 potential commencement speakers, unranked. Next, the list is given to President Susan J. Hockfield, who makes the final call. Hockfield may pick someone who does not appear on the subcommittee’s shortlist.

The subcommittee is charged with finding speaker

candidates who “resonate with MIT’s mission and message,” said Nathaniel S. Fox ’12, senior class president and Commencement Committee member. Candidates cannot be “just entertainers,” said Fox, unless they make other notable or significant contributions to society. Entertainers are often suggested by students, he added, who want “big brand names.”

President Hockfield is “ultimately the driving factor” in speaker selection, Fox

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IN SHORT

End of term evaluations are available online at <http://web.mit.edu/subject-evaluation>. They close on December 16 at noon. Don’t forget to give feedback!

James Sherley’s appeal in his lawsuit to stop stem cell research has had a date set for oral argument. It will be March 23 in Washington, DC.

Michael W. Howard ’86 has been named MIT’s new vice president for finance. He has 20 years of experience in finance. He began as VP on December 5.

Adel F. Sarofim SM ’57, ScD ’62, professor emeritus in chemical engineering, passed away on December 4. He was 74.

Harold Somers Mickley ScD’46, died on December 3. He was 93. Mickley was a professor and a former chair of the MIT faculty. Due to Mickley’s wishes, there will be no memorial service or calling hours.

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Will Nightline be replaced?

New service in works

By Derek Chang
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Up until the spring of 2010, distressed students had a place to call for peer support from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every night of the term. The anonymous callers spoke to Nightline, a student-run and student-staffed peer-to-peer counseling, information, and support service that was originally advised by Student Support Services (S³). Nightline closed last year when the group stopped service to examine their impact on campus. After a year of evaluation, it has been determined that Nightline will not reopen and will instead be replaced by another peer support service.

According to a press release from Nightline last September, Nightline closed due to the large amount of non-MIT callers and lack of staff. The group shut down the service to examine if their advising office should switch from S³, if Nightline was still an effective service, and if a new type of support group should be established.

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Living Pink guide sheds light on LGBT views

By Stephanie Holden

At some point before arriving on campus, every incoming freshman wonders what his or her dormitory life is going to be like. Will I get along with my roommates? Will I like the people on my floor? What is the atmosphere of my dorm? Will I feel welcome?

The Living Pink guide is a resource designed to help students and their families to answer these questions. The guide, found at livingpink.mit.edu, is based on a survey distributed to MIT students in spring 2011. The questions asked of the living groups focused on issues pertaining to welcoming lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, and queer individuals.

Cory D. Hernandez ’14 and Jenna G. Caldwell ’11 were responsible for reviving the survey, which was last conducted in 2005.

Their main goals were to increase response rates and to gather a variety of perspectives and personal stories by increasing anonymity for participants.

“The culture in MIT living groups is more constant than in other places, but people are always changing. There are completely different groups of people, and the information [from the last survey] didn’t match up with our knowledge of the groups,” said Caldwell.

The Living Pink survey was

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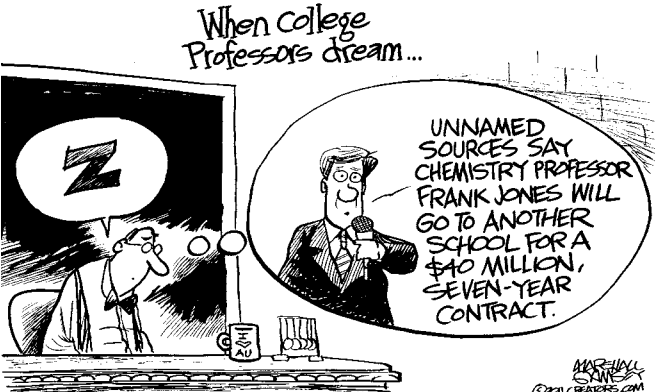
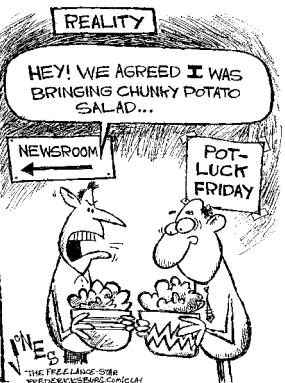
No bang for your buck

One term in, new dining plan leaves a bad taste

At long last, MIT finally has a real dining plan. As all of you should know, unless you've lived under a rock all semester, MIT has finally revamped the old dining protocol, so we no longer have to pay absurd a la carte prices for meager portions, chosen from a limited selection. We now get to eat all we care to! It's a shining beacon in the midst of the darkness that is vicious time crunches and carnivorous problem sets.

Just kidding.
The new dining plan, in layman's terms, sucks. Want to hear why? Sit back and take a seat, because I've got a mouthful for you. Pun intended.

Let's start with the prices. We used to have the option of paying a flat rate of \$300 at the beginning of the semester to receive a 50 percent discount on meals in dining. This was a bit annoying to some students, and it also caused a \$600,000 loss for MIT per year — seems like a pretty motivating factor for change. Those of us on meal plans today pay a large sum of money in the beginning of the semester and, in return, we receive a set number of meals per week. Maseeh freshmen must cough up \$4500 on top of tuition and housing to eat 19 meals a week. They have it pretty bad. But hey, that's just the Maseeh freshmen, right? Juniors and seniors in other dining dorms only have to pay \$2500!



An article published on Nov. 29 incorrectly stated that the Dalai Lama has visited the Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT three times. He has only visited twice. The same article also incorrectly said that Ethics Initiative talks involve approximately 15 students — it is actually closer to 25–30. In addition, these talks are made available on MIT World, not MIT OpenCourseware.

An article published Tuesday on the

Commencement speaker incorrectly stated that the Undergraduate Association vice president, the 2012 Class Council vice president, and the Graduate Student Council vice president participated in the committee's recommendation for the commencement speaker. Vice presidents do not sit on the subcommittee that offers speaker recommendations to President Susan J. Hockfield, but they do sit on the larger Commencement Committee.

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Panel 2: A person with headphones and a microphone records the dog's howl.

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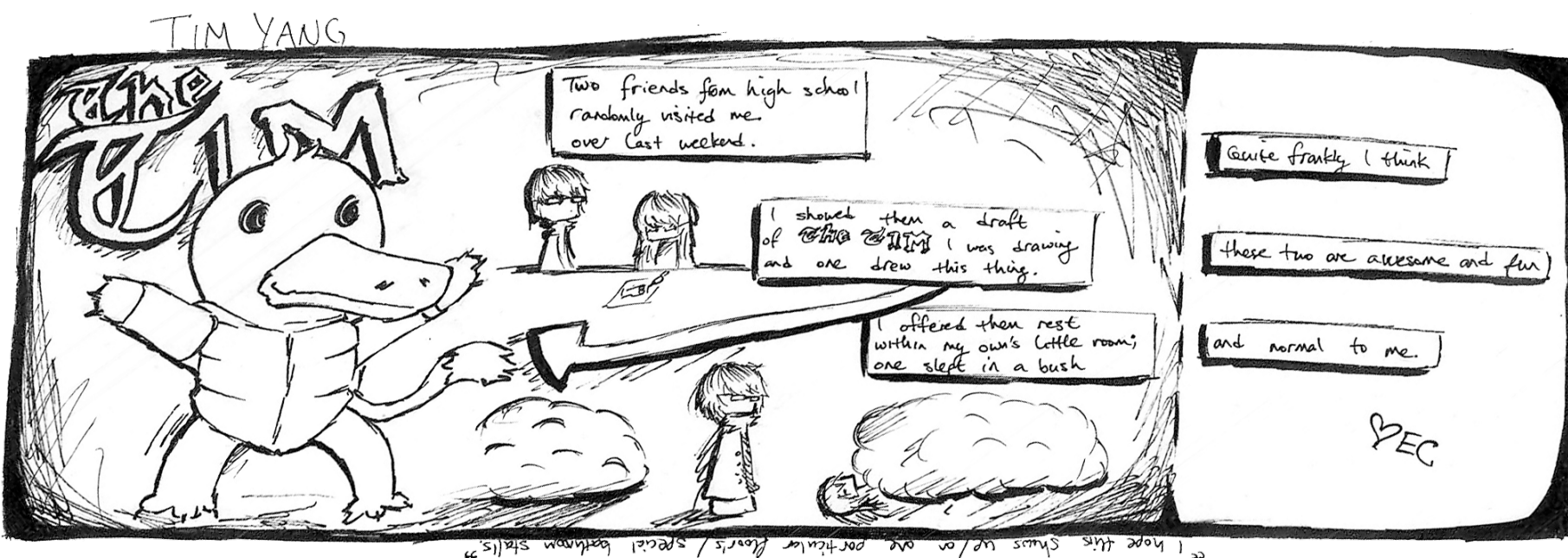
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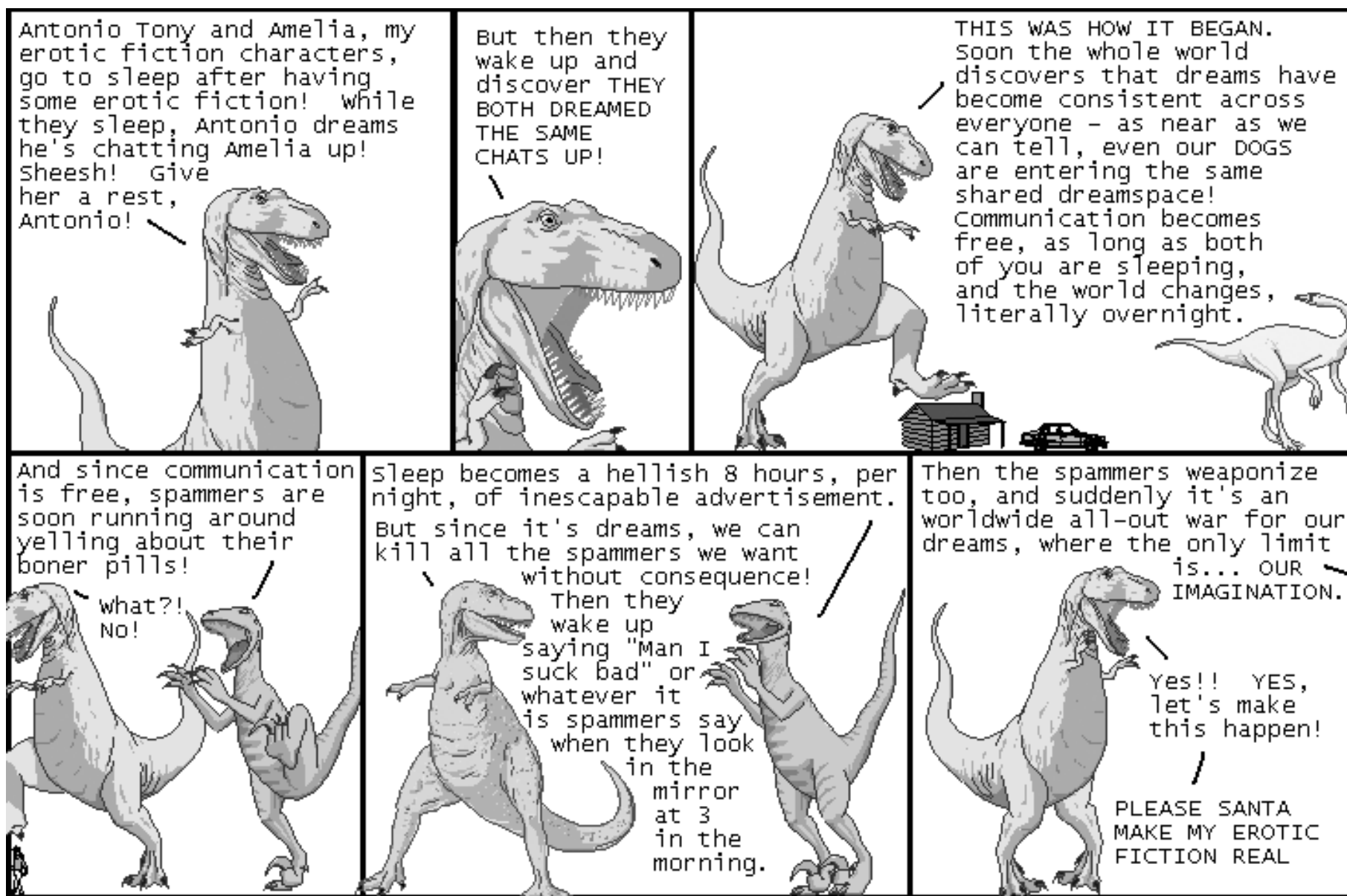
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by Ryan North



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Immortals provides nice action, but despite the hype, fails to please

The plot of *Immortals* is a simple one. Hyperion, the king of Crete (Mickey Rourke), has declared war upon the gods because they did not help to save his family from illness. He is on a raid across the country to find the Epirus bow, the only weapon that will allow him to unleash the Titans from their eternal prison upon the gods to take revenge for his family. Hyperion attacks several holy places, among them the

Just as Zack Snyder's *Sucker Punch* did, Singh's movie provides an excellent trailer with plenty of great action sequences and suggests a good story. But very much like *Sucker Punch*, the actual movie falls far below its raised expectations and vastly disappoints. The linear storyline makes the movie that much more boring. Greek my-

Similar also Louis Leterrier's Greek mythology-based *Clash of the Titans*, *Immortals* provides a few nice action sequences, which have been used to craft the trailer and sell the movie. But overall, both films are big disappointments. The implications of this apparent pattern are frightening to some extent, and if it continues will damage the action movie genre. What we need more of are movies with great action sequences and captivating storylines: the last two James Bond films, *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*, and Zack Snyder's pre-

Now Playing

vious films *300* and *Watchmen*, for example. Action sequences can be understood as aesthetically pleasing, well-choreographed sequences similar to a ballet or musical, as Marc Forster (*Quantum of Solace*) once put it, but they are not sufficient to make a good movie.



Jessica Chastain, Laramie Eppler, Brad Pitt, and Tye Sheridan in *The Tree of Life*.



Sean Penn plays a man struggling to come to terms with complicated relationships and the modern world in *The Tree of Life*.

STAFF WRITER

Loving his children no less than his wife, Mr. O'Brien is, in contrast, a strict authoritarian. He teaches his sons to fight and disciplines them, punishing them if they speak without permission or close the door too loudly. He is a man in control: of his family, his career in engineering, his music, his gardens, his own life. But once his career faces instability, we find out that Mr. O'Brien is also vulnerable.

The movie follows Jack's development through

New student peer support group on the horizon

Demand for peer support evident on latest MIT Enrolled Student Survey from February

Nightline, from Page 1

After Nightline closed, Isabella S. Lubin '12 and Tzipora R. Wagner '12 — former Nightline staffers interest-

ed in re-establishing peer support at MIT — in addition to other students who have since graduated, continued to meet with the goal of doing a peer support needs assessment,

calling themselves Peer2Peer. In February of 2011, Peer2Peer — with the UAAP and MIT Institutional Research — included questions about peer support, as well as a link to a

longer peer-support survey, on the MIT Enrolled Student Survey. This survey is run in the spring semester every four years to poll student opinion about their experience at MIT. All undergraduates are eligible to answer.

Survey data indicated that MIT students wanted peer-to-peer support. Peer2Peer also held focus groups, gathering input about the need for peer support at MIT. But it was determined that Nightline was not effective at providing the kind of support necessary, and it was decided to keep the program closed.

'We are working to lower the barrier to contact, so that our services can be widely utilized.'

—Tzipora R. Wagner '12
PEER2PEER MEMBER

Alan E. Siegel, chief of Mental Health Services at MIT, noted that Nightline was getting few calls from MIT students, but many calls from outside people looking for support. "We didn't feel Nightline captured the essence of peer-to-peer support," he noted.

Lubin and Wagner, James D. Chansky — an MIT Mental Health social worker — and Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life, have been working to develop the new peer-to-peer model.

"We're in very early stages, and hope to have a program ready by next term," said Lubin, who also noted that there would be plans for staff training and recruitment at that time.

Siegel noted that they have been looking at existing models in other universities as inspiration for a new MIT model.

"Results from the survey in February have indicated that students are more likely to reach out to peers before reaching out to professional services," Wagner noted. "We are working to lower the barrier to contact, so that our services can be widely utilized. The service isn't

just meant to be used in times of crises, but also for everyday issues, like problems with friends or p-set stress."

While MIT Mental Health does not provide a formal peer-to-peer service, "we've been making an effort to have our staffers make sure that people in the living groups are aware of the services we offer," Siegel said. "We have worked a lot with GRTs, housemasters, administrative offices, and faculty on different ways of talking about how to be helpful to students when they are under distress."

However, Siegel added that many students felt that MIT Mental Health should not directly become part of the dorm experience, so Mental Health has been working indirectly.

Siegel also noted that MIT Mental Health would sometimes get calls from students about their friends. These students would ask what they could do to help.

"There is a good informal peer-to-peer support network at MIT due to the collaborative interactions here," said Siegel. "The GRTs and RAs certainly help contribute to the system, and I feel the culture encourages support."

"The services at MIT Mental Health are great and underutilized," Lubin said. "But often we feel that students should reach out to peers as a first step."

"Students won't always need to go to a doctor or psychologist first," Wagner added, "but they may still need to go to someone."

MIT Mental Health has had a 70 percent increase in walk-ins this past November — higher than any other month in the last three years — and the number of walk-ins per day was double the average per month since 2008, said Siegel. He credits the increase in students urging their friends to go to medical, and the efforts of GRTs, housemasters, and the faculty.

Students looking for support are encouraged to reach out to a friend or speak with their GRTs or house team. MIT Mental Health has walk-in hours from 2 to 4 p.m. every week-day, and appointments can be made by calling 617-253-2916.

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Living Pink survey highlights LGBTQ issues at MIT

Campus-wide survey revived, indicates successes and areas for future improvement

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started in the early 2000s with the intention of being an annual publication. But the survey was not as successful as was hoped. According to Hernandez, the survey required MIT certificates from students who wished to participate. This requirement decreased participants' feeling of anonymity, which resulted in fewer responses from undergraduates.

The survey was also not widely advertised and did not garner significant participation from a number of living groups. Hernandez said that the previous creators did not make the results easily accessible to MIT students, which further decreased the its popularity.

Caldwell and Hernandez were pleased with this year's response rate. Approximately 1,300 people responded — more than twice the number of subjects in the 2005 survey. That's about 30 percent of the undergraduate population, Hernandez said. "It's not ideal, but it's better [than previous years]," he said.

Hernandez, with the help of Abigail Francis, head of LGBT@MIT, was able to share the results of the Living Pink Guide with housemasters, GRTs, and RAs when they went through training in the summer. House teams could use the information they learned to make the atmosphere of each living group as friendly as possible.

Of the 70 percent of students who did not fill out the survey, "I definitely think that was them choosing not to," Hernandez said.

The survey team looked to reach out to people in different ways, he added. Living Pink used dorm lists, club members, friends, the Dormitory Council, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, ILGs, and the Department of Residential Life. "Every time that we sent out the link, new responses came in," he said.

"The results for the sororities were phenomenal," said Hernandez. "The response rates for sororities was much higher than the campuswide average. They had great participation rates, they were very friendly."

Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) was the only living group that had no responses to the survey, although a few other groups had only one or two people respond. Hernandez and Caldwell said they were not surprised, since these living groups tended to be smaller and possibly received less encouragement to fill out the survey.

The president of DKE said in an email, "I know firsthand DKE is an accepting group, and I hope

that our lack of participation in the survey isn't misinterpreted as hostility towards the LGBT community. When I received the survey I forwarded it to our house list, and apparently didn't emphasize how important it was, and like most of the emails I send to the house list, it got ignored due to laziness. I can assure you that we plan on participating when the survey comes out again."

Cooperation from various interest groups at MIT was vital for the distribution of the survey.

"We had a lot of help from administrators," Caldwell said, "They were tremendously helpful, and it was gratifying because we weren't just working on our own. It's nice to know that [administrators] cared about these questions and making sure these places were safe for LGBT students."

Hernandez also appreciated the publicity that the Living Pink survey received from the MIT News Office in early November. "I think that for the most part, it was accurate, but they did leave out the negatives," said Hernandez. While the survey seems to show that, as a whole, MIT living groups are welcoming to LGBT students, not all the comments were friendly, Hernandez said.

"One of the most troubling things I saw was people's lack of understanding of language use," he said. "When a lot of people use [derogatory language] as a joke and one person is hurt by it, it's troubling that they can't stand up and say something about it."

"Readers of the survey results have to keep in mind that these are opinions that may not necessarily reflect what incoming students' experiences would be in that dorm," Caldwell said. She noted that there was sometimes conflicting information from different students — one student would comment on how welcoming the community was, and another student would describe a situation where they felt uncomfortable.

The Living Pink survey will continue to be relevant to the MIT community. Henry J. Humphreys, dean of residential life and dining, plans to meet with other deans and directors to go over the details of the survey and discuss the pos-

sibility of its impact on the MIT community.

"I guess I have this curious streak ... I want to know where we're doing well, why are we doing well? Where we're not doing well, how can we improve that?" Hum-

phreys said.

There have also been questions about the future location of the Rainbow Lounge, a central meeting place for LGBT groups at MIT. The Rainbow Lounge is currently in the basement of Walker Memorial, but

after potential renovations at Walker the lounge may be moved. Humphreys is not sure what will happen yet, but he acknowledges that there is a lot of restructuring that must

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Students tend to suggest entertainers for keynote

Speaker subcommittee looks for someone who embodies MIT spirit and mission

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said. In an interview with *The Tech* last year, Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80 noted that "Hockfield takes the list seriously and gives all input great consideration," and said that the final selection is often someone who appeared on the shortlist.

Grimson said that the shortlist sent to the president this year had about 10-15 suggestions and that the "bulk" of it came from input from students.

Student representatives are asked to solicit feedback from their constituencies to help prepare the shortlist. This year, Fox and Graduate Student Council President Alex J.

Evans G represented the undergraduate senior class and graduate students, respectively. In September, Fox distributed a survey via email to the senior class to gather ideas for the commencement day speaker.

Fox said that some popular suggestions from the survey included Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, and Steve Jobs, but could not comment on whether those suggestions made it to the shortlist. "A lot" of respondents were interested in Khan, he added, but declined to comment on whether Khan made it to the shortlist.

"The past few years there's been this dissatisfaction with the lack of famous speakers," said Fox, but

added that he was pleased with this year's pick.

"Sal's story of leaving his lucrative job in finance behind in pursuit of a greater calling is also inspiring," said Fox in a statement to the MIT News Office. "Many of us often talk about that crazy dream of ours, that one thing we'd love to do if money didn't matter. Sal is a man who not only left money to pursue his dream, but has succeeded in creating something truly remarkable: a free world-class education to anyone with a basic Internet connection."

The Undergraduate Association President has participated in the speaker selection meeting for at least the past two years, but was

absent from this year's process. Current UA President Allan E. Miramonti '13 says he does not recall being informed of a meeting.

"To give them the benefit of the doubt, it was just a technical slip-up," Miramonti said. "At the end of the day, I'm happy with the selection that was made."

Executive Officer for Commencement Gayle M. Gallagher and Grimson, the Commencement Committee chair, declined to comment on Miramonti's absence. Gallagher said that Fox and Evans did an "excellent job" soliciting feedback from their constituencies and participating in the shortlist creation.

This is also the first time since at least 1994 that the UA President is not a senior, though it is unclear whether that has a bearing on Miramonti's participation.

Noting that students often request "entertainers" and "brand names," Fox suggested that MIT consider Harvard College's scheme for graduation — hold a "class day" before commencement and invite a fun, "brand name" speaker. At commencement, invite a speaker who meets MIT's traditional criteria.

MIT, unlike other colleges, does not provide monetary compensation to commencement speakers, though it does pay expenses and provide a small gift.



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Pike disbands after unsuccessful colonization

This past summer, MIT's Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) colony disbanded in a mutual agreement between the colony and the national organization.

The colony originally started in the spring of 2010, in what began as a slow process because members were scattered across many dorms on campus, said former Pike President Eric A. Del Castillo '13. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, another new fraternity on campus (founded in 1892, then closed in 1998 before re-opening this year), succeeded where Pike failed partially because SAE had the advantage of having members concentrated in Bexley Hall, said Castillo. There was also little progress in organizing the potential fraternity during the summer, which came upon the group very quickly, said Castillo.

Pike was unsuccessful in its first Rush attempt this fall due to a lack of available members and funds. Only five brothers were on campus during rush, and the colony only had a \$500 budget. It was difficult to compete with the other frats that spent "thousands or tens of thousands of dollars," said Castillo. "With such an established Greek life it's hard to jump into it," he added.

Though Pike did recruit seven more members in the spring and brought its total to 25, the colony had to disband. Their numbers could not support the funds necessary to pay their national organization, who did not want to pursue the colonization, said Castillo.

Even though there is no longer a Pike on campus, Castillo said that they are all "still good friends," and that Pike still exists as a social group.

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Novartis project approved

Toshiko Mori to design 22 Windsor Street building

By John A. Hawkinson
STAFF REPORTER

On Wednesday evening, Novartis announced Toshiko Mori as the second architect for its extended Cambridge campus and received approval to proceed with excavation contingent upon careful review of the public access to its courtyard.

Novartis presented its case to the Cambridge Planning Board, as part of a required zoning review stemming from a special zoning district approved for Novartis earlier this year. The new campus is on the site of the former Analog Devices building, which was finally demolished this week.

Toshiko Mori will design 22 Windsor Street, on the corner of State and Windsor Streets. She joins Maya Lin, who is designing 181 Massachusetts Avenue, on the corners of Mass. Ave, Albany Street, and Osborne Street. Lin designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.

The campus includes those two new buildings, as well as the existing 211 Mass Ave building (MIT Building N42), whose exterior will not change. Smart Street, which separates N42 from the Analog Devices lot, will be removed.

In a two-hour session before the planning board, Lin and Mori presented their vision for the site. The board heard from Cambridge’s Community Development department and one member of the public, and discussed its concerns with the project.

Lin’s building features a “porous stone screen” of local granite that will “glow at night,” Lin said. The building is not transparent, Lin said, but instead is translucent with fritted glass.

There will be first-floor retail all along Windsor and Albany.

Mori described 22 Windsor’s main aspect as a south facade with a sequence of five “mini-atriums” with balconies. The south facade is the most transparent, Mori said, with the east and west facades being translucent.

The buildings are connected by a bridge on the 6th floor.

The board unanimously approved the excavation permit, according to Jeff Lockwood, spokesman for the Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research. Lockwood said he hopes to begin construction very early next year.

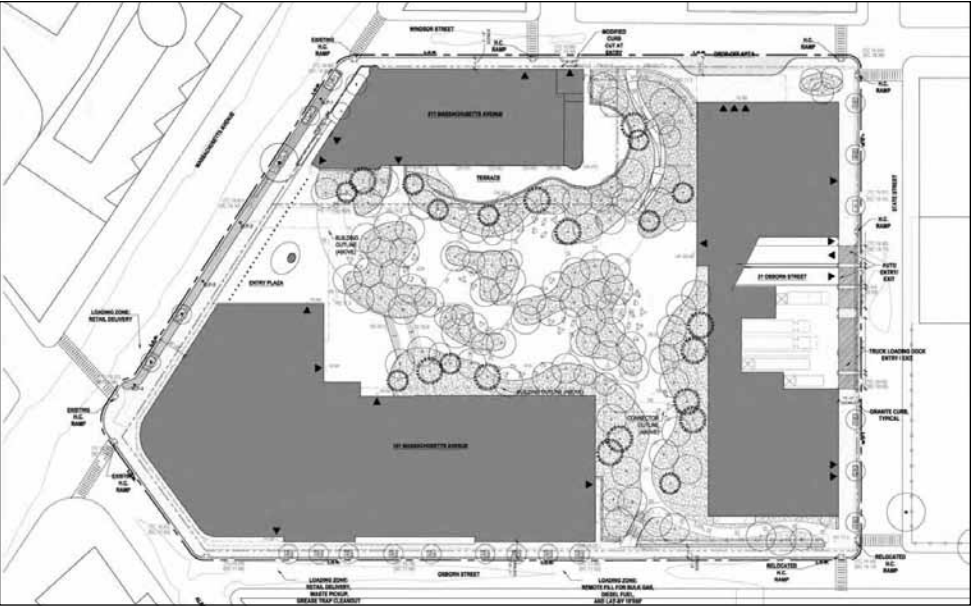
Much of the board’s questioning focused on the large green courtyard between the three buildings. Novartis proposal says, “The centerpiece of the campus is a publicly accessible open space that will serve as a pedestrian connection between Kendall and Central Squares during business hours while also being integral and vital to the design of the complex. This urban scaled courtyard will also be an inspiration to the scientists working in the spaces around it.”

The current Novartis campus, on the west side of Mass Ave, has a public-access courtyard, but, as the board noted, it is not inviting. Its steel gates are closed outside of business hours, and it does not appear to draw visitors. The board also discussed the failure of the University Park project (on Sidney Street, to the north and west of Novartis and Star Market) to produce open space that is effectively used by the public.

Cambridge attorney James Rafferty, representing Novartis, noted that the project team was still working out how to deal with restricting access to the courtyard, and that the project was not expected to open until February 2015.

“Is it a park? Is it a big corporate front yard?” asked William Tibbs, a member of the board. “The idea of it having limited control with the kind of openness that you’re showing here is mind-boggling to me,” he said

The board also expressed concerns about pedestrian traffic crossing Mass Ave mid-block between the two campuses, because the campuses on both sides of Mass Ave have main entrances in the middle of the block, quite some distance from the nearest pedestrian crossing.



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Layout of the new Novartis campus east of Massachusetts Avenue, also bounded by Albany, Osborn, State, and Windsor Streets. The campus features a large green courtyard that will be publicly accessible — at least during business hours.



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Design for 22 Windsor Street, by architect Toshiko Mori. It is characterized by five mini-atriums connected by diagonal staircases on the transparent south facade.

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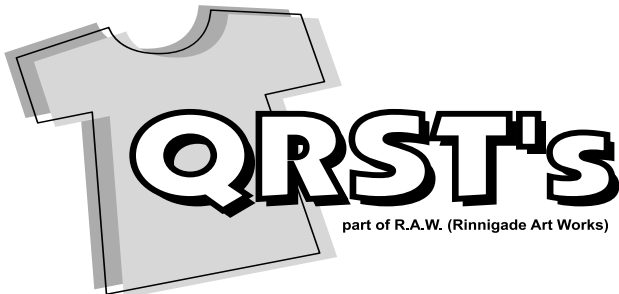
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be done to determine where the lounge will be in the future.

Hernandez has several changes in mind should he ever do the Living Pink guide again. Most importantly, he said, he would reword one question which was particularly confusing. To make sure the survey was completely clear, he would ask a small sample of students to

take it before distributing it to all of MIT.

Hernandez hopes that, in the future, he can get the Living Pink survey endorsed by one of MIT's top administrators — Dean Chris Colombo, Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD '80, or President Susan J. Hockfield — in the hopes that it would reach more students.

The detailed results from this year's survey can be found online at <http://livingpink.mit.edu/>.

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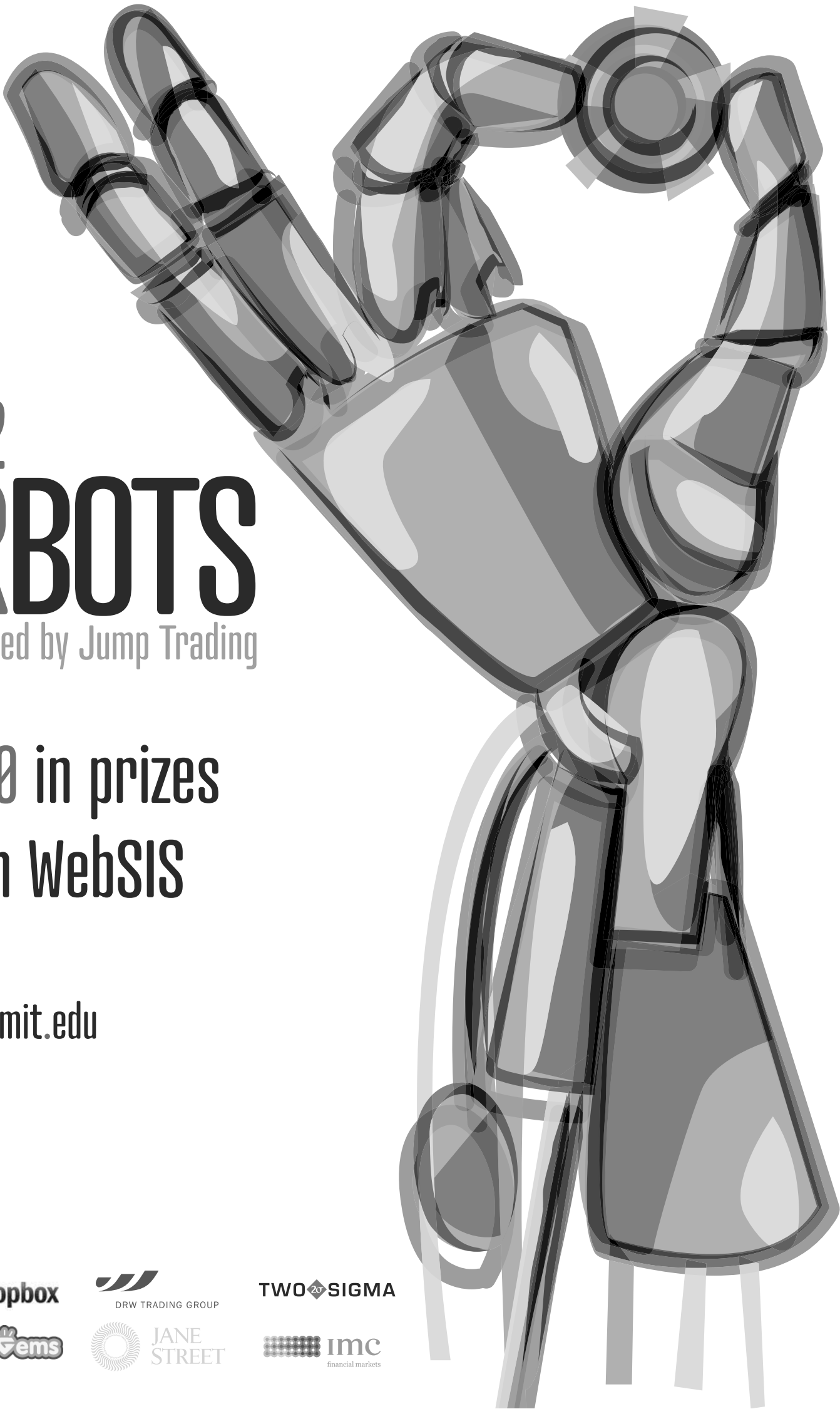
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Squash wins 3 out of 5 matches at home invite

Engineers beat BU, BC, and NYU; now 4-6

By Greg McKeever
DAPER STAFF

The MIT squash team hosted an invitational in conjunction with Wellesley College at the Z-Center squash courts over the weekend. The Engineers squared off against four local rivals, Boston University, Northeastern University, Boston College, and Harvard University, as well as visiting New York University, and came away with a 3-2 ledger over the three days of competition. Tech defeated Boston University, 9-0, Boston College, 6-3, and New York University, 8-1, while falling the fifth-ranked Harvard, 9-0, and Northeastern, 7-2

Freshman Sung Won “Steve” Cho was outstanding for the Cardinal and Gray, winning four of his five matches at the No. 3 position. The freshman earned a tough, five-set win over Josh Ko of Boston College, battling back to win 7-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-6, 11-8. He also picked up straight-set wins over Mike Wegman of Northeastern (11-9, 11-6, 11-8) and Zeke Hinchberg of NYU (11-3, 11-1, 11-4).

West D. Hubbard ’14 got off to a fast start, winning his first three matches of the weekend before falling to his opponents from Har-

vard and NYU. Against BU, Hubbard got things started with a convincing, 11-3, 11-6, 11-6 win at the top spot. Peter G. Riley ’15, David W. Bian ’15 and Laura M. Wacker ’13 also won in straight sets against their respective opponents during the 9-0 victory for Tech.

Hubbard and Cho picked up the only points for MIT in Friday’s second match against Northeastern. Hubbard won, 11-4, 11-6, 11-7, in the first position while Cho was an 11-9, 11-6, 11-8 winner at No. 3.

The Engineers dominated the top of the ladder during Saturday’s 6-3 win over Boston College, emerging victorious in five of the top six positions, with Hubbard, Cho, Riley, Bian and sophomore Abhiranjan Mitra ’14 picking up wins.

After dropping a 9-0 decision to Harvard on Saturday afternoon, the Cardinal and Gray recovered to cap the weekend with an 8-1 victory over NYU on Sunday. Connor Kirschbaum ’13 was particularly dominant, surrendering just two points in a three-set win (11-0, 11-2, 11-0).

MIT will travel to Amherst College next Saturday, Dec. 10 for its final match of the semester before taking off for final exams and winter break. The Engineers and Lord Jeffs will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Saturday, December 10

Women’s Basketball vs. Mount Holyoke

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Field Hockey honored

Silva, Klauber, McShane earn N.E. awards

By Greg McKeever
DAPER STAFF

Following a banner season, in which she led her team to the national quarterfinals and its second NEWMAC tournament championship

in three years, MIT head coach Cheryl Silva was named the New England East regional Coach of the Year by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) on Wednesday. Silva, who received similar accolades in 2009, helped the Engineers win a program record 19 games, including a pair in the NCAA Division III tournament, to advance within one game of the final four.

Silva’s squad compiled a 19-4 record overall, including a 6-2 mark in NEWMAC play, to earn a share of the conference’s regular season crown. The Cardinal and Gray secured its second NEWMAC tournament title in three years in dramatic fashion, with a 2-1

come-from-behind, overtime win over Mount Holyoke in the finals. Silva was tabbed as NEWMAC Coach of the Year following the championship.

For the first time in program history, Tech hosted an NCAA tournament game, defeating Husson University, 7-0 in the opening round. The Engineers then downed Denison University, 4-1, in round two before falling to reigning national champion, Bowdoin College.

MIT was among the national statistical leaders in a number of categories, ranking fifth in Division III in scoring at 4.24 goals per game and sixth in goal differential (+2.99 per game). Kameron L. Klauber ’12 led the country in assists per game and was eighth nationally in points.

Klauber was tabbed as the Regional and NEWMAC Player of the Year and was a first team All-America honoree. Molly E. McShane ’13 was tabbed to the third team All-America and four of Silva’s athletes received an Academic All-Conference distinction.

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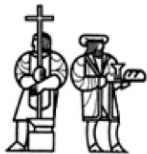
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Men’s Basketball stays undefeated with 90-47 win over UMass Boston

“Shaq-and-Kobe” combo of Hollingsworth, Karraker dominate

By Shri Ganeshram
SPORTS STAFF

Last Tuesday, the MIT’s Men’s Basketball team snagged an easy (90-47) victory over UMass Boston. The Engineers’ James D. Karraker ’12 led the team to victory with nine 3-pointers, setting an Institute record. MIT still holds the best record in the nation (9-0) and has moved up in ranking from ninth to seventh.

In the first 13 minutes of play against UMass Boston, MIT demonstrated their ability to play championship level basketball, knocking down their shots, including five 3-pointers from Karraker, and dominating the Beacons’ young offense with a five-man defensive game and excellent transition defense. From that point on, MIT cruised, slowly increasing their lead as the game moved on. After establishing such a lead, MIT used the advantage as an opportunity to train its bench, with the team’s bench players on the floor for a combined 71 minutes. The bench contributed a total of 19 rebounds, 18 points, and nine assists.

The Beacons were unable to hold the powerful “Shaq-and-Kobe-like” combination of Noel Hollingsworth ’12 and Karraker, who combined for 47 points, Karraker taking and making solely 3-point shots (nine of 15 from beyond the arc) and Hollingsworth primarily hitting from close range or in the paint. The rest of the team supported the strategy, setting picks and moving around the opposition so that one of these two players could be open. William E. Bender ’12 had quite a strong overall performance, scoring 13 points while also delivering five assists, two steals, and two blocks. Mitchell H. Kates ’13 had a good game as a point guard, most notably for his five assists and four steals.

MIT has maintained a solid performance in every game this season thus far. William F. Dickson ’14 says that the success the team had thus far is a result of the team’s “family atmosphere and the attitude that everyone brings



SHRI GANESHARAM—THE TECH

Noel Hollingsworth ’12 takes a layup through UMass Boston’s defense.

to practice every day.” It’s hard to argue that the Engineers aren’t a family, seeing how they shared the ball against UMass Boston Tuesday night, delivering 27 assists for 32 field goals made, an incredibly high assist-to-goal ratio.

The Engineers haven’t lost a game yet and are playing ball consistently well, averaging a 53.8 field goal percentage, 42.0 3-point percentage, 41.7 rebounds per game, and 19.4 assists per game.

One can only wonder how far this MIT team will go. Andrew M. Ackerman ’15 says the team’s eyes are on the prize — “the team’s goal for the season is a national championship. We have already won league championships and received national tournament bids. Those are secondary goals to winning the whole thing.”

MIT will next be playing at home against Wheelock College on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

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